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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

DUANE A. SINGLETON.

Petitioner.

v.

SANTA RITA COUNTY JAIL.

Respondent.

C 07-5969 VRW (PR)

**DECLARATION OF
COUNSEL IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE ANSWER**

I, JILL M. THAYER, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

I am a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California and am presently assigned to represent respondent in this habeas corpus action.

24 Petitioner is a state prisoner who is currently incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison
25 in San Quentin, California, as the result of a no contest plea to possession of a controlled
26 substance.

27 By an Order to Show Cause issued on February 13, 2008, respondent was ordered to
28 file an answer on or before April 14, 2008. I am unable to meet the current deadline for filing

1 the answer because of my work on previously assigned cases. In the past 30 days, I have filed an
2 answer to an order to show cause in a previously assigned case, a petition for rehearing in the
3 California Court of Appeal, and a reply to an opposition to a motion to dismiss in federal court.
4 I will be out of the office for several days next week to travel to Minnesota to help my siblings
5 choose a hospice for my mother, whose health is deteriorating.

6 I have not attempted to contact petitioner, who is representing himself in this
7 proceeding, because he is incarcerated and cannot be conveniently reached.

8 Wherefore, I respectfully request that this Court grant respondent an additional 60
9 days, to and including June 13, 2008, to file an answer in this case.

10 Executed at San Francisco, California, on April 10, 2008.

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